Salvaging of missing temple

423. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Missing temple to be salvaged with help from IRS-IB" appearing in the "Financial Express", New Delhi dated the 20th October, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter referred to therein; and

(c) the progress made so far in salvaging the legendary temple of Vaishakeshwara from the seabed of Visakhapatnam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) IRS-1B imagery of Visakhapatnam coast was digitally analysed by the Centre for Remote Sensing, Department of Geo-Engineering, Andhra University, Waltair. Computer programmes developed at the Centre for Remote Sensing, Andhra University were used. The results of the analysis need to be verified for which the University is in the process of developing suitable project proposals.

Different terms and tenure for different Chief Executives

423. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up different terms and tenure period ranging from three years to five years for the Chief Executives/CMDs in different public sector companies;

(b) whether tenure period of three years has been fixed in some cases where incumbent have had many more years for attaining the age of superannuation;

(c) whether such different tenure is bound to create adverse impact on the performance of Chief Executives; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No Sir.

(d) In following cases a tenure of less than five years have been approved:-

(i) Shri B. K. Chaturvedi, IAS (UP: 66) was appointed on 17.10.1994 as CMD, State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd. for a period of two years, on deputation basis as STC is not exempted from rule of immediate absorption.

(ii) Shri Anil Bhandari was appointed on 29.9.1992 as CMD, ITDC, for a period of two years, so as to provide scope for evaluation of his performance before further continuation.

(iii) Shri S. Choudhry, IAS (WB:74) was appointed on 2.5.1994 as MD, Tea Trading Corpn. of India Ltd. for a period of three years as the post of MD, TTCI has been exempted from the rule of immediate absorption only for a period of three years.

Cases pending with Central Vigilance Commission

425. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission was set up at the Centre

alongwith Central Bureau of Investigation;

(b) if so, to what extent have the Commission and Bureau helped in preventing the corruption and nabbing the culprits;

(c) whether matters brought to the notice of the C.V.C keep on dragging for years;

(d) if so, what good is of C.V.C. and the steps taken to expedite the disposal of the cases under its consideration; and

(e) how many cases are pending with C.V.C. for investigation for over one year giving details thereof and the reasons for the abnormal delay in finalising the investigation and submitting reports thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. The Central Vigilance Commission was set-up in February, 1964

(b) The advice of the C.V.C. and the investigations of the C B I have helped in checking corruption as well as in apprehending the culprits.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of the answer to (c) above. Further the Commission does not investigate; it tenders advice on the information reports submitted to it.

Appointment without ACC approval

426. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many 1978 Batch IAS Officers have been appointed|designated as Joint Secretary, non-Ministerial Deputation Post;

(b) whether any case has been brought to the notice of the Ministry where appointments have been made without ACC approval|concurrence| information; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Ministry in such cases to maintain parity in the service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The 1978 batch IAS officers have not become eligible for appointment as Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India. Hence, no officer belonging to this batch has been apopinted to this level.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arises.

Panel for M.D. in B.L.C. Ltd., Agra

427. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PESB has created a panel of selected candidates for the post of Managing Director in Bharat Leather Corporation Limited, Agra;

(b) whether the PESB could select only one candidate for the post whose antecedents are doubtful and call for investigation;

(c) whether Government would intervene to ensure fair selection and to rebuild the image of PESB; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The Public Enterprises Selection Board has, after assessing the suitability of candidates, found only one candidate suitable for the